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VESSEL WITH A FALSE TRIGGERING PREVENTION CAPABILITY

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed December 16, 2005, please amend the above-20 identified application as set forth below.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2.

Amendments to the Claims appear in the listing of claims beginning on page 4. Claims 25 2-6, 24-26, 32-34 stand canceled. Claims 1, 15, 23, 27, 28, 31, 35, 36 have been amended. The Amendment leaves claims 1, 7-23, 27-31, 35-38 pending.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 14.